GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF KANDLA-BHATINDA PIPE LINE FOR CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. proposes to use the Kandla-Bhatinda pipelines for curde oil instead of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this scheme of the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. is going to affect the interests of various refineries; and

(d) if so, the steps to be taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for maintaining continuity in the supply of petroleum products in the western regions?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Part of the pipeline is under conversion to crude oil service by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)

(b) As the most economical option, the pipeline is being converted to meet the additional crude oil requirement for IOC's Panipat Refinery.

(c)&(d): The Kandla Bhatinda pipeline was constructed to transport imported petroleum products mainly to northwestern parts of India. On conversion of the Kandla-Panipat Pipeline section to crude oil service, it has been ensured that the supply of petroleum products to the western and north western regions will be met through several new pipelines, which have already been laid for that purpose, namely Koyali- Viramgam − Sidhpur product pipeline, Sidhpur-Sanganer product pipeline and Panipat-Rewari product pipeline.